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AN IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

To Members and Non-Members:

Our first year as an Association is drawing to a close. We began a year ago with four hundred-odd members. We now have about seven hundred twenty-five.

We began under difficulties but with much enthusiasm and confidence in the wisdom of the step we were taking. Time has shown us that we made no mistake in launching the national Association. Some obstacles have disappeared; some new ones have arisen. But to the last man or woman of our membership our zeal is unchecked and our determination to succeed is stronger than ever. In spirit we have progressed excellently.

Financially, we are doing fairly well, thanks to our increase in membership, to our advertising manager's energy, and to the willingness of publishers to use our journal as a medium through which to reach the teachers of Spanish.

Numerically, we must do far better. We should have at least a thousand more members than we have at present. A good many of our present members are engaged in some form of war service—some are at the front in France, others have made themselves practically indispensable in various departments of the Government in Washington and elsewhere. Their time and strength are so absorbed with the all-important task of helping to win the war that they may not be able for some time to renew their activities in our Association. We need new associates, as well as the present members, in our efforts to make The American Association of Teachers of Spanish the complete and great success it gives so rich promise of becoming.

To Present Members: This is your Association. If the Association has helped you, help the Association. The means of communication between us has been our journal HISPANIA. You know what an inspiration and help you have derived from its articles, reviews, and bibliographies. Show the journal to others and get one new member. Libraries are eligible as members. Therefore persuade a librarian to subscribe to HISPANIA. To do this our subscription list must be larger. Incidentally, don't forget to pay your

own dues. A bill for the 1919 dues has been sent you. Let this jog your memory that the dues are payable before the annual meeting. The distribution of HISPANIA by the mails has not been perfect, but don't blame it all on Uncle Sam. He has had many troubles this year. Perhaps you failed to notify the publication office of your change of address. If you do not receive your copy on time write first to your last address, then to the Secretary-Treasurer of HISPANIA, 1081 Park Place, New York.

To Non-Members: This issue of HISPANIA is being sent to many persons not at present on our rolls. We are sending it in the hope and belief that you will after reading it desire to become a member. We regret you have not joined forces with us before now. Our Association and its journal HISPANIA offer you just the help you have long been seeking in your teaching of Spanish—the inspiration that comes from association with those who have the same problems and interests as yourself—mentally through the medium of HISPANIA, the only publication of its kind in existence, and socially through local chapter and annual meetings. We and you have a common cause. We offer you leadership therein. That cause is the advancement of the study and teaching of Spanish. There will be beyond a shadow of doubt at the end of this war another tremendous trend toward the study of Spanish in this country, greater even than that of the past four years. You need our help; we need yours. Join with us. The bibliography alone of HISPANIA is worth to a teacher of Spanish or one interested in Spanish matters many times the two dollars asked for it per year. Send *now* your dues for 1919 to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Please tell others who may not see this review that they may receive a copy of this issue gratis on application to the Secretary.

Local Chapters: The President has sent to leading representatives of our society in the principal centers of the country a letter (accompanied by a list of members) urging the establishment of local chapters in conformity with Section 3 of the By-Laws. (See HISPANIA for February, 1918.) There should be formed this present academic year at least a dozen local chapters. An immense amount of good results to local groups and to the national Association when chapters are established. Do your part, do your utmost, whether you have been asked to do so or not, to form a local chapter. It is not difficult to accomplish this when enthusiasm

and a fair amount of effort are brought into play. Talk this matter over with other teachers in your vicinity. Write the President if you want help or advice.

Annual Meeting. We have decided to hold our second annual meeting in spite of the adverse conditions of war time. This meeting will take place in Room 411, Kent Hall, Columbia University, Saturday, December 28, 1918, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The program, which cannot be given at the time this is written, will be greatly worth while. A simple luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. After the afternoon program an informal get-together dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. We had a most profitable meeting last year. We aim to provide this year a greater opportunity for social intercourse than was possible last year.

The success of this annual meeting will depend upon the attendance of members more than upon the program, which, however, will be exceptionally good. So come. The Modern Language Association of America will hold its meetings December 26-28 at Poughkeepsie. Many will therefore be able to attend the meetings of both associations.

Come in spite of hard times and high railway fares.

Yours for the greater success of our Association,

LAWRENCE A. WILKINS, President.

ALFRED COESTER, Secretary-Treasurer.